

ACCESS SERVICE

REGULATIONS, RATES AND CHARGES

Applying to the Provision of Access Services
for Connection to Interstate Communications Facilities
for Interstate Customers within the
Operating Territory of

HILLS TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. (IN IOWA)

Access Services are provided by means of wire, radio, satellite
or other suitable technology or a combination thereof.

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CONCURRING CARRIERS

NONE

CONNECTING CARRIERS

NONE

OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

NONE

REGISTERED SERVICE MARKS AND TRADEMARKS

NONE

USERS GUIDE

General

- This tariff references the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Access Service Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 for its terms and conditions. This tariff contains rates applicable to Interstate Access Services provided by Hills Telephone Company, Inc. (in Iowa) with the exception of Carrier Common Line rates.
- Hills Telephone Company, Inc. (in Iowa), in accordance with the provisions of Part 61.39(a) of the FCC's Rules and Regulations, did elect to file its own tariff and reference the regulations, terms and conditions of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 Access Service for the General Regulations, Carrier Common Line, Switched Access and Special Access Services, and other miscellaneous services contained therein. Regulations, terms and conditions applicable to these services are therefore specifically cross referenced to the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Access Service Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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(C)	-	To signify changed regulation.
(D)	-	To signify discontinued rate or regulation.
(I)	-	To signify increase to a rate or charge.
(M)	-	To signify matter relocated without change.
(N)	-	To signify new rate or regulation.
(R)	-	To signify reduction to a rate or charge.
(S)	-	To signify reissued matter.
(T)	-	To signify a change is text but no change in rate or regulation.
(Z)	-	To signify a correction.

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADA	-	Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement
ADM	-	Add/Drop Multiplexing
AML	-	Actual Measured Loss
ANI	-	Automatic Number Identification
AP	-	Program Audio
AT&T	-	AT&T Corp.
BHMC	-	Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity
CCS	-	Common Channel Signaling
CDP	-	Customer Designated Premises
CI	-	Channel Interface
CIR	-	Committed Information Rate
CNP	-	Charge Number Parameter
CO	-	Central Office
Cont'd	-	Continued
CPE	-	Customer Provided Equipment
CPN	-	Calling Party Number
CSP	-	Carrier Selection Parameter
DA	-	Directory Assistance
dB	-	decibel
dBrnC	-	Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting
dBrnCO	-	Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighted O
dc	-	direct current
DDD	-	Direct Distance Dialing
EAS	-	Extended Area Service
EDD	-	Envelope Delay Distortion
EML	-	Expected Measured Loss
EPL	-	Echo Path Loss
ERL	-	Echo Return Loss
ESS	-	Electronic Switching System
ESSX	-	Electronic Switching System Exchange
f	-	frequency
F.C.C.	-	Federal Communications Commission
FRAS	-	Frame Relay Access Service

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HC	-	High Capacity
Hz	-	Hertz
IC	-	Interexchange Carrier
ICB	-	Individual Case Basis
ICL	-	Inserted Connection Loss
kbps	-	kilobits per second
kHz	-	kilohertz
LAN	-	Local Area Network
LATA	-	Local Access and Transport Area
ma	-	milliamperes
Mbps	-	Megabits per second
mcs	-	Microsecond
MHz	-	Megahertz
MRC	-	Monthly Recurring Charge
MT	-	Metallic
MTS	-	Message Telecommunications Service(s)
NPA	-	Numbering Plan Area
NRC	-	Nonrecurring Charge
NXX	-	Three-Digit Central Office Prefix
OC	-	Optical Carrier
OLT	-	Optical Line Termination
PBX	-	Private Branch Exchange
PIC	-	Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier
POT	-	Point of Termination
PVC	-	Permanent Virtual Connection
SAC	-	Service Access Code
SNAL	-	Signaling Network Access Line
SONET	-	Synchronous Optical Network
SP	-	Signaling Point
SPOI	-	Signaling Point of Interface
SRL	-	Singing Return Loss
SSP	-	Service Switching Point
SS7	-	Signaling System 7
STP	-	Signal Transfer Point
STS	-	Synchronous Transport Signal
SWC	-	Serving Wire Center
TG	-	Telegraph Grade
TLP	-	Transmission Level Point
TV	-	Television
VG	-	Voice Grade
V&H	-	Vertical & Horizontal
WATS	-	Wide Area Telecommunications Service(s)

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WSC	-	Wireless Switching Center
WSO	-	WATS Serving Office

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REFERENCE TO OTHER TARIFFS

Whenever reference is made in this Tariff to other tariffs of the Telephone Company, the reference is to the tariffs in force as of the effective date of this Tariff, and to amendments thereto and successive issues thereof.

REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

Technical Publications referenced in this Tariff are the same as those set forth in the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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1. Application of Tariff

- 1.1 This tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of Carrier Common Line, End User Access, Switched Access, Special Access, Public Packet Data Network, and other miscellaneous services, hereinafter referred to collectively as service(s). These services are provided to customers by Hills Telephone Company, Inc. (in Iowa), hereinafter the Telephone Company. This tariff also contains Access Ordering regulations and charges that are applicable when these services are ordered or modified by the customer.
- 1.2 The provision of such services by the Telephone Company as set forth in this tariff does not constitute a joint undertaking with the customer for the furnishing of any service.

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2. General Regulations

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Access Services are the same as those set forth in Section 2 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, except as set forth following:

References to Directory Assistance Services are not applicable as the service is not offered.

References to DA Service and Directory Access Service are not applicable as the services are not offered.

References to Directory Transport are not applicable as the service is not offered.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service

Hills Telephone Company, Inc. (in Iowa) participates in NECA's Carrier Common Line Pool. Regulations, Rates, Terms and Conditions for Carrier Common Line Access Service are the same as those set forth in Section 3 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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4. End User Access Service

Hills Telephone Company, Inc. (in Iowa) participates in NECA's Carrier Common Line Pool. Regulations, Rates, Terms and Conditions for End User Access Service are the same as those set forth in Section 4 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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5. Access Ordering

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for services set forth in the Access Ordering section of this tariff are the same as those set forth in Section 5 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, except as set forth following:

References to Directory Assistance service are not applicable as the service is not offered.

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6. Switched Access Service

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Switched Access are the same as those set forth in Section 6 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, except as set forth following:

References to Directory Assistance are not applicable as the service is not offered.

Rates are set forth in Section 17 following.

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7. Special Access Service

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Special Access Service are the same as those set forth in Section 7 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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8. Digital Subscriber Line Access Service

Regulations, Rates, Terms and Conditions for Digital Subscriber Line Access Service are the same as those set forth in Section 8 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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9. Reserved for Future Use

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10. Special Federal Government Access Services

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Special Federal Government Access Services are the same as those set forth in Section 10 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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11. Special Facilities Routing of Access Services

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Special Facility Routing of Access Services are the same as those set forth in Section 11 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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12. Specialized Service or Arrangements

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Specialized Service or Arrangements, subject to availability, are the same as those set forth in Section 12 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Additional Engineering, Additional Labor, and Miscellaneous Services, subject to availability, are the same as those set forth in Section 13 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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14. Exceptions to Access Service Offerings

Provisions, Terms and Conditions for access exceptions are the same as those set forth in Section 14 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Interface Groups, Transmission Specifications and Channel Interfaces, subject to service offerings and technical capability and feasibility, are the same as those set forth in Section 15 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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16. Public Packet Data Network

Regulations, Terms and Conditions for Public Packet Data Network are the same as those set forth in Section 16 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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17. Rates and Charges

All Tariff Section References contained herein are to the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

17.1 Carrier Common Line Access Service

Rates and charges for Carrier Common Line Access Service and End User Access Service are the same as those set forth in Section 17.1 of the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 5. Hills Telephone Company, Inc. (in Iowa) is a participant in NECA's Carrier Common Line pool.

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)17.2 Switched Access Service17.2.1 Nonrecurring Charges

	<u>Rate</u>
(A) Reserved for Future Use	
(B) Reserved for Future Use	
(C) Interim NXX Translation Per Order	\$136.00
Per LATA or Market Area	
(D) Reserved for Future Use	
(E) Reserved for Future Use	
(F) Reserved for Future Use	
(G) Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI)	
- Per End Office, Per CIC	None

17.2.2 Local TransportTandem Switched Transport

Premium Access

- Tandem Switched Termination Per Access Minute, Per Termination	\$0.004144
- Tandem Switched Facility Per Access Minute Per Mile	\$0.000246
- Transport Interconnection Charge Per Access Minute	\$.00

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(A) Common Channel Signaling Network Connection

(1) Signaling Network Access Link

	<u>Rate</u>
- Reserved for Future Use	
- Reserved for Future Use	

Nonrecurring
Charge

- Reserved for Future Use

(2) STP Port

- Reserved for Future Use

(B) 8XX Data Base Access Service Queries

Rate Per
Call/Query

(1) 8XX Carrier Identification, Per Call	\$.0034
(2) Vertical Features	
- POTS Translation Charge, Per Call	\$.0041
- Call Handling & Destination Feature Charge, Per Query	\$.0041

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)17.2.3 End Office

	<u>Rate</u>
(A) Local Switching	
Premium	
- Local Switching 1 Per Access Minute	\$.025141
Feature Groups A & B (except: (1) Feature Group B utilized for the provision of MTS/WATS service and (2) Feature Groups A and B when utilized for the provision of terminating inward WATS and WATS-type services at an equal access WATS Serving Office.)	
- Local Switching 2 Per Access Minute	\$.025141
Feature Groups C & D (including: (1) Feature Group B utilized for the provision of MTS/WATS service and (2) Feature Groups A and B when utilized for the provision of terminating inward WATS and WATS-type services at an equal access WATS Serving Office.)	
(B) Information Surcharge	
- Premium Per 100 Access Minutes	\$.025600

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.4 Assumed Minutes of Use

	Assumed	<u>Minutes Per Month</u>
(A) Feature Group A, Two Way Calling (1510 Originating, 2685 Terminating)		4195
(B) Feature Group A, Originating Only		1510
(C) Feature Group A, Terminating Only		2685
(D) Feature Group B, Two Way Calling (3132 Originating, 5568 Terminating)		8700
(E) Feature Group B, Originating Only		3132
(F) Feature Group B, Terminating Only		5568

17.2.5 Operator Transfer Service

	<u>Rate</u>
Per Call Transferred	\$.4588

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service

17.3.1 Surcharge for Special Access Service

Regulations concerning the surcharge for special access service are set forth in Section 7.3 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

The rate applicable to the surcharge for special access service is set forth in Section 17.3.1 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)17.3.2 Metallic Service

Regulations concerning Metallic Service are set forth in Section 7.4 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
(A) Channel Termination Per Termination	\$24.35	\$217.50
(B) Channel Mileage		
(1) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile	\$35.04	
(2) Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination	\$2.44	
(C) Optional Features and Functions		
(1) Bridging		
(a) Three Premises Bridging Per Port	\$6.15	
(b) Series Bridging Per Port	\$6.15	

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)17.3. Telegraph Grade Service

Regulations concerning Telegraph Grade Service are set forth in Section 7.5 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
(A) Channel Termination Per Termination		
(1) Two-Wire	\$24.35	\$217.50
(2) Four-Wire	\$48.71	\$217.50
(B) Channel Mileage		
(1) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile	\$ 2.91	
(2) Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination	\$29.28	
(C) Optional Features and Functions		
(1) Telegraph Bridging Per Port		
- Two-Wire	\$ 6.15	
- Four-Wire	\$ 6.15	

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.4 Voice Grade Service

Regulations concerning Voice Grade Service are set forth in Section 7.6 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
(A) Channel Termination Per Termination		
(1) Two-Wire	\$40.90	\$217.50
(2) Four-Wire	\$65.44	\$217.50
(B) Channel Mileage		
(1) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile	\$ 2.91	
(2) Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination	\$29.28	
(C) Optional Features and Functions		
(1) Bridging		
(a) Voice Bridging Per Port		
-Two-Wire	\$ 6.15	
-Four-Wire	\$ 6.15	

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)17.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
(1) Bridging (Cont'd)	
(b) Data Bridging Per Port	
- Two-Wire	\$ 6.15
- Four-Wire	\$ 6.15
(c) Telephoto Bridging Per Port	
- Two-Wire	\$ 6.15
- Four-Wire	\$ 6.15
(d) DATAPHONE Select-A-Station Bridging	
Sequential Arrangement, Ports Per Channel Connected	
- Two-Wire	\$ 20.98
- Four-Wire	\$111.30
Addressable Arrangement, Ports Per Channel Connected	
- Two-Wire	\$ 22.46
- Four-Wire	\$ 97.21

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17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
(1) Bridging (Cont'd)	
(e) Telemetry and Alarm Bridging	
Active Bridging Channel Connections Per Channel Connected	
- Split Band	\$8.41
- Summation	\$3.28
Passive Bridging Channel Connections Per Channel Connected	\$0.23
(2) Conditioning Per Termination	
(a) C-Type	\$6.81
(b) Improved Attenuation Distortion*	None
(c) Improved Envelope Delay Distortion*	None
(d) Data Capability	\$4.86
(e) Telephoto Capability	\$8.53
(f) Sealing Current	None

* Improved Attenuation Distortion and Improved Envelope Delay Distortion will continue to be provided to all customers who were provided with either or both of these optional features in conjunction with C-Type Conditioning prior to May 4, 1988.

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	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
(3) Improved Return Loss for Effective Two-Wire or Four-Wire Transmission Per Termination	
(a) Two-Wire	\$12.10
(b) Four-Wire	\$12.10
(4) Customer Specified Receive Level Per Two-Wire Termination	\$8.32
(5) Multiplexing Per Arrangement Voice to Telegraph Grade	\$213.89
(6) Signaling Capability Per Termination	\$12.25
(7) Selective Signaling Arrangement Per Arrangement	\$6.15

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17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
(8) Transfer Arrangement (key activated* or dial up**)	
(a) Per Four Port Arrangement Including Control Channel Termination***	\$2.96
(b) Per Five Port Arrangement Including Control Channel Termination***	\$6.75
(9) Public Pack Switching Network (PPSN) Interface Arrangement Per Arrangement	ICB

ICB rates and charges are filed in Section 17.3.9 following.

* The key activated control channel is rated as a Metallic Channel Termination and Channel Mileage, if applicable.

** The Dial-up option requires the customer to purchase the Controller Arrangement from Section 13.3.4 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

*** An additional Channel Termination charge will apply whenever a spare channel is configured as a leg to the customer designated premises. Additional channel mileage charges will also apply when the transfer arrangement is not located in the customer designated premises serving wire center.

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.5 Program Audio Service

Regulations concerning Program Audio Service are set forth in Section 7.7 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, except that Daily service is not offered.

	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge Monthly
(A) Channel Termination Per Termination		
- 200 to 3500 Hz	\$43.35	\$217.50
- 100 to 5000 Hz	\$75.48	\$217.50
- 50 to 8000 Hz	\$75.48	\$217.50
- 50 to 15000 Hz	\$75.48	\$217.50
(B) Channel Mileage		
(1) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile		
- 200 to 3500 Hz	\$ 2.91	
- 100 to 5000 Hz	\$ 5.83	
- 50 to 8000 Hz	\$ 8.75	
- 50 to 15000 Hz	\$11.66	
(2) Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination		
- 200 to 3500 Hz	\$29.28	
- 100 to 5000 Hz	\$58.55	
- 50 to 8000 Hz	\$87.33	
- 50 to 15000 Hz	\$117.11	

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	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
(C) Optional Features and Functions	
(1) Bridging, Distribution Amplifier Per Port	\$18.88
(2) Gain Conditioning Per Service	\$12.20
(3) Stereo Per Service	\$20.95

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.6 Video Service

Regulations concerning Video Service are set forth in Section 7.8 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, except that Daily service is not offered.

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge Monthly</u>
(A) Channel Termination Per Termination		
- TV-1 or 2	\$447.89	\$237.36
- 4TV-5	\$447.89	\$237.36
- 6TV-5	\$447.89	\$237.36
- TV-15	\$447.89	\$237.36
(B) Channel Mileage		
(1) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile		
- All	\$357.58	
(2) Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination		
- All	\$406.18	

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)17.3.7 Digital Data Service

Regulations concerning Digital Data Service are set forth in Section 7.9 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
(A) Channel Termination Per Termination		
- 2.4 kbps	\$75.48	\$226.95
- 4.8 kbps	\$75.48	\$226.95
- 9.6 kbps	\$75.48	\$226.95
- 19.2 kbps	\$75.48	\$226.95
- 56.0 kbps	\$75.48	\$226.95
- 64.0 kbps	\$75.48	\$226.95
(B) Channel Mileage		
(1) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile		
- 2.4 kbps	\$ 2.77	
- 4.8 kbps	\$ 2.77	
- 9.6 kbps	\$ 2.77	
- 19.2 kbps	\$ 2.77	
- 56.0 kbps	\$ 3.92	
- 64.0 kbps	\$ 3.92	
(2) Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination		
- 2.4 kbps	\$27.81	
- 4.8 kbps	\$27.81	
- 9.6 kbps	\$27.81	
- 19.2 kbps	\$27.81	
- 56.0 kbps	\$39.41	
- 64.0 kbps	\$39.41	

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.7 Digital Data Service (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
(1) Bridging Per Port	\$ 7.42
(2) Loop Transfer Arrangement Per Four Port Arrangement* Key Activated** or Dial-Up***	\$ 5.87
(3) Public Packet Switching Network Interface Arrangement	
- Per 9.6 kbps Arrangement	ICB
- Per 56.0 kbps Arrangement	ICB
(D) Channel Service Unit Per Termination****	
- 2.4 kbps	\$29.36
- 4.8 kbps	\$29.36
- 9.6 kbps	\$29.36
- 56.0 kbps	\$29.36

* An additional Channel Termination charge will apply whenever a spare channel is configured as a leg to the customer designated premises. Additional Channel Mileage charges will also apply when the transfer arrangement is not located in the customer designated premises serving wire center.

ICB Rates and Charges are filed in Section 17.3.9 following.

** The key activated control channel is rated as a metallic Channel Termination and Channel Mileage, if applicable.

*** The Dial-Up option requires the customer to purchase the Controller Arrangement from Section 13.3.4 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

**** Channel Service Units will only be provided under tariff if they existed in the Telephone Company's inventory as of November 18, 1983.

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Regulations concerning High Capacity Service are set forth in 7.10 of the NECA
Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
(A) Channel Termination Per Termination		
- DS1 1.544 Mbps	\$ 175.16	\$237.36
- DS1C 3.152 Mbps	ICB	ICB
- DS2 6.312 Mbps	ICB	ICB
- Capacity of 1 DS3 44.736 Mbps Interface		
- Per DS3 Channel Installed	\$2,031.82	\$237.36
- Capacity of 3 DS3 44.736 Mbps Interface	\$1,554.35	
- Per DS3 Channel Installed	\$1,208.93	\$237.36
- Capacity of 6 DS3 44.736 Mbps Interface	\$2,925.83	
- Per DS3 Channel Installed	\$1,137.82	\$237.36
- Capacity of 12 DS3 44.736 Mbps Interface	\$4,754.47	
- Per DS3 Channel Installed	\$ 924.48	\$237.36
- DS4 274.176 Mbps	ICB	ICB

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	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
(B) Channel Mileage	
(1) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile	
- 1.544 Mbps	\$ 18.96
- 3.152 Mbps	ICB
- 6.312 Mbps	ICB
- 44.736 Mbps	\$130.53
- 274.176 Mbps	ICB
(2) Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination	
- 1.544 Mbps	\$ 93.49
- 3.152 Mbps	ICB
- 6.312 Mbps	ICB
- 44.736 Mbps	\$520.68
- 274.176 Mbps	ICB
(C) Term Discounts	<u>Percentage</u>
(1) DS1 and DS3 Services	
- 36 Months	10%
- 60 Months	20%

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	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
(D) Optional Features and Functions	
(1) Multiplexing, Per Arrangement	
- DS4 to DS1	ICB
- DS3 to DS1	\$448.53
- DS2 to DS1	ICB
- DS1C to DS1	ICB
- DS1 to Voice*	\$173.17
- DS1 to DS0	\$173.17
- DS0 to Subrates	
- Up to 20, 2.4 kbps Services	\$368.80
- Up to 10, 4.8 kbps Services	\$250.59
- Up to 5, 9.6 kbps Services	\$222.23

* A channel of this DS1 to the Hub can be used for Digital Data service. ICB rates and charges are filed in 17.3.9 following.

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17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.8 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
(D) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)		
(2) Automatic Loop Transfer		
- Per Arrangement*	\$ 149.41	
(3) Transfer Arrangement (key activated** or dial up***		
- Per Four Port Arrangement Including Control Channel Termination****	\$ 162.84	
(4) Clear Channel Capability		
- Per 1.544 Mbps Transmission Path	None	
(5) Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport		
- Per DS3 Channel Mileage Facility	None	
(E) Network Channel Terminating Equipment (NCTE) Per Termination#		
(1) 1.544 Mbps	\$ 84.73	
(2) Automatic Loop Transfer	\$ 340.43	
(F) ADSL Access Service Connection		
- Per 1.544 Mbps	\$ 170.22	\$160.76
- Per 44.736 Mbps	\$1,182.05	\$524.83

* An additional Channel Termination charge will apply whenever the spare line is provided as a leg to the customer designated premises.

** The key activated control channel is rated as a Metallic Channel Termination and Channel Mileage, if applicable.

*** The Dial-Up option requires the customer to purchase the Controller Arrangement from 13.3.4 preceding.

**** An additional Channel Termination charge will apply whenever a spare channel is configured as a leg to the customer designated premises. Additional channel mileage charges will also apply when the transfer arrangement is not located in the customer designated premises serving wire center.

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- # NCTE will only be provided under tariff if it existed in the Telephone Company's inventory as of November 18, 1983.

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.9 Individual Case Filings

Reserved For Future Use.

17.3.10 High Capacity Optional Rate Plan Availability

Reserved For Future Use.

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Regulations concerning Synchronous Optical Channel Service are set forth in 7.11 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

			<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
(A)	Channel Termination Per Termination			
-	OC3/OC3c	155.52 Mbps	\$1,346.09	\$580.62
-	OC12		622.08 Mbps	\$2,627.32
		\$580.62		
(B)	Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile			
-	OC3/OC3c	155.52 Mbps	\$ 138.45	
-	OC12		622.08 Mbps	\$ 276.90
(C)	Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination			
-	OC3/OC3c	155.52 Mbps	\$ 479.12	
-	OC12		622.08 Mbps	\$1,786.96
(D)	Term Discounts OC3/OC3c and OC12 Services			
			<u>Percentage</u>	
-	36 months		10%	
-	60 months		20%	

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17.3.11 Synchronous Optical Channel Service (Cont'd)

			<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
(E)	Optional Features and Functions			
(1)	Customer Node			
	Per Node			
-	OC3/OC3c	155.52 Mbps	\$ 468.09	\$ 186.29
-	OC12	622.08 Mbps	\$1,352.26	\$ 186.29
	Customer Premises Port			
	Per Port			
-	OC3/OC3c	155.52 Mbps	\$ 141.85	
-	STS-1	51.84 Mbps	\$ 184.40	\$ 201.42
-	DS3	44.736 Mbps	\$ 184.40	\$ 201.42
-	DS1	1.544 Mbps	\$ 47.28	\$ 51.06
(2)	Add/Drop Multiplexing			
	Central Office Port			
	Per Port			
-	OC3/OC3c	155.52 Mbps	\$ 141.85	
-	DS3	44.736 Mbps	\$ 94.56	
-	DS1	1.544 Mbps	\$ 37.83	
(3)	Shared SONET Ring Interoffice			
	Transport			
	Per Channel Mileage Facility			
-	OC3/OC3c		None	
-	OC12		None	
(4)	ADSL Access Service Connection			
-	Per OC3/OC3c		\$2,070.95	\$1,082.76

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	<u>Charge</u>
(A) Access Order Charge	
Per Order	\$136.00
(B) Service Date Change Charge	
A Service Date Change Charge will apply, on a per order per occurrence basis, for each service date changed. The Access Order Charge as specified in 17.4.1(A) preceding does not apply. The applicable charge is:	
Service Date Change Charge, Per Order	\$53.00
(C) Design Change Charge	
The Design Change Charge will apply on a per order per occurrence basis, for each order requiring design change. The applicable charge is:	
Design Change Charge, Per Order	\$53.00
(D) Miscellaneous Service Order Charge	
Per Occurrence	\$53.00

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)17.4.2 Additional Engineering

Additional Engineering Periods	Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof
(A) Basic Time Per Engineer Normally Scheduled Working Hours	\$18.83
(B) Overtime Per Engineer Outside of Normally Scheduled Working Hours	\$28.26
(C) Premium Time Outside of Scheduled Work Day, Per Engineer	\$37.67

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<u>Additional Labor Periods</u>	<u>Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof</u>
(A) Installation or Repair	
- Overtime, outside of regularly scheduled working hours, on a scheduled work day, per technician	\$27.70*
- Premium Time, outside of scheduled work day, per technician	\$36.92*
(B) Stand By	
- Basic Time, regularly scheduled working hours, per technician	\$18.67*
- Overtime, outside of regularly scheduled working hours, on a scheduled work day, per technician	\$28.02*
- Premium Time, outside of scheduled work day, per technician	\$37.35*

* A call out of a Telephone Company employee at a time not consecutive with the employee's scheduled work period is subject to a minimum charge of four hours.

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	Additional Labor Periods		Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof	
			Installation and Repair Technician	Central Office Maintenance Technician
(C) Testing and Maintenance with other Telephone Companies, or Other Labor				
- Basic Time Per Technician Regularly Scheduled Working Hours			\$18.46	\$18.64
- Overtime Per Technician Outside of Regularly Scheduled Working Hours on a Scheduled Working Day			\$27.70*	\$27.95*
- Premium Time Per Technician Outside of Scheduled Work Day			\$36.92*	\$37.27*

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(A) Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing - Switched Access

<u>Testing Periods</u>	<u>Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof</u>
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Basic Time, Overtime* and Premium Time*	See the rates for Additional Labor as set forth in 17.4.3(C) preceding
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(B) Additional Automatic Testing - Switched Access
To First Point
of Switching

Additional Tests

	<u>Per Test Per Transmission Path</u>
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Gain-Slope Tests	\$2.56
C-Notched Noise Tests	\$2.56
1004 Hz Loss**	\$2.56
C-Message Noise**	\$2.56
Balance (return loss)**	\$2.56

* A call out of a Telephone Company employee at a time not consecutive with the employee's scheduled work period is subject to a minimum charge of four hours.

** 1004 Hz Loss, C-Message Noise and Balance are non-chargeable routine tests, however, they may be requested on an as needed or more than routine scheduled basis, in which case the charges herein apply.

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- (C) Additional Manual Testing - Switched Access
To First Point
of Switching

Additional Tests

Each Half Hour or
Fraction ThereofGain-Slope,
C-Notched Noise
and any other
agreed to tests,
per technicianSee the rates for
Additional Labor
as set forth in
17.4.3(C) preceding

- (D) Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing - Special Access

Testing PeriodsEach Half Hour or
Fraction ThereofBasic Time,
Overtime* and
Premium Time*See the rates for
Additional Labor
as set forth in
17.4.3(C) preceding

* A call out of a Telephone Company employee at a time not consecutive with the employee's scheduled work period is subject to a minimum charge of four hours.

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(E) Additional Manual Testing - Special Access	
<u>Testing Periods</u>	<u>Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof</u>
Basic Time, Overtime* and Premium Time*	See the rates for Additional Labor as set forth in 17.4.3(C) preceding
(F) Maintenance of Service	
<u>Maintenance of Service Periods</u>	<u>Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof</u>
Basic Time, Overtime* and Premium Time*	See the rates for Additional Labor as set forth in 17.4.3(C) preceding

* A call out of a Telephone Company employee at a time not consecutive with the employee's scheduled work period is subject to a minimum charge of four hours.

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(G) Telecommunications Service Priority		Nonrecurring Charge
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-	Per Service Arranged	\$ 54.63
(H) Controller Arrangement		Monthly Rate
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-	Per Arrangement	\$100.00
(I) Presubscription		Nonrecurring Charge
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-	Per Telephone Exchange Service Line or Trunk*	\$ 5.00

- * This charge is billed to the end user who is the subscriber to the Telephone Exchange Service. In the event an end user is incorrectly presubscribed due to misassignment on the part of the Telephone Company, no charge shall apply. In the event an end user is incorrectly presubscribed due to misassignment on the part of the IC, and the IC is unable to document such an assignment, the Telephone Company will apply the charge to the IC responsible for the misassignment of the end user and assign the end user to an IC of the end user's choice.

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
(J) Unauthorized PIC Change	
- Residence/Business Per Telephone Exchange Service Line or Trunk	\$35.65
- Per Pay Telephone Exchange Service Line or Trunk	\$57.57
(K) Blocking Service*	
- Per Exchange Service Line or Trunk and/or Per Feature Group A Switched Access Line	\$11.20
(L) Billing Name and Address Service	
- Per BNA Order	\$50.94
- Per BNA Record	\$ 0.33
- Optional Magnetic Tape Charge - Per Magnetic Tape	\$91.44
- Optional Format Programming Charge - Per Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof	\$37.20

* Blocking access to 9XX Service is offered to all subscribers at no charge at the time telephone service is established at a new number and for 60 days thereafter.

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
(M) Originating Line Screening (OLS) Service		
- Per Exchange Service Line		\$7.95
(N) Coin Supervision Additive Service		
- Per Exchange Service Line	\$2.21	
(O) Payphone-Specific Coding Digits Service		
Rate will be effective September 1, 1998 through August 31, 2001.		
- Per Pay Telephone Line	\$2.93	

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(A) Voice Grade Secure Communications

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>	<u>Termination Charges</u>
Type I, Each T-3 Conditioning	ICB Rates and Charges Apply		
Additional Conditioning, Per Service Termination	ICB Rates and Charges Apply		
Type II, Each G-1 Conditioning	ICB Rates and Charges Apply		
Type III, Each G-2 Conditioning	ICB Rates and Charges Apply		
Additional Conditioning, Per Service Termination	ICB Rates and Charges Apply		
Type IV, Each G-3 Conditioning	ICB Rates and Charges Apply		
Additional Conditioning, Per Service Termination	ICB Rates and Charges Apply		

(B) Wideband Digital Special Access Service

<u>Wideband Secure Communications</u>	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>	<u>Termination Charges</u>
Type I, Each	ICB Rates and Charges Apply		
Type II, Each	ICB Rates and Charges Apply		
Type III, Each	ICB Rates and Charges Apply		

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.6 Special Facilities Routing of Access Services

(A) Diversity

For each service provided in accordance with 11 preceding, the rates and charges will be developed on an individual case basis.

(Reserved for Future Use)

(B) Avoidance

For each service provided in accordance with 11 preceding, the rates and charges will be developed on an individual case basis.

(Reserved for Future Use)

(C) Diversity and Avoidance Combined

For each service provided in accordance with 11 preceding, the rates and charges will be developed on an individual case basis.

(Reserved for Future Use)

(D) Cable-Only Facilities

For each service provided in accordance with 11 preceding, the rates and charges will be developed on an individual case basis.

(Reserved for Future Use)

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.7 Specialized Service or Arrangements

Specialized Service or Arrangements are provided on an individual case basis as set forth following:

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)17.4.8 Public Packet Data Network

(A) Frame Relay Access Service

Regulations concerning Frame Relay Access Service are set forth in 16.1 of the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

		<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
(1)	Frame Relay Access Connection (FRAC) Per FRAC		
-	56.0 kbps	\$ 127.66	\$226.95
-	64.0 kbps	\$ 127.66	\$226.95
-	1.544 Mbps	\$ 321.52	\$237.36
-	44.736 Mbps	\$2,562.68	\$237.36
(2)	Frame Relay Inter-network Connection (FRIC) Per FRIC		
-	1.544 Mbps	\$ 321.52	\$237.36
-	44.736 Mbps	\$2,562.68	\$237.36
(3)	End User Port Per Port		
-	56.0 kbps	\$ 66.19	
-	64.0 kbps	\$ 66.19	
-	1.544 Mbps	\$ 154.14	
-	44.736 Mbps	\$1,078.03	
(4)	Inter-network Customer Port Per Port		
-	1.544 Mbps	\$ 154.14	
-	44.736 Mbps	\$1,078.03	
		<u>Percentage</u>	
(5)	Term Discounts		
-	36 months	10%	
-	60 months	20%	

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)17.4.8 Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

(A) Frame Relay Access Service (Cont'd)

(6) Permanent Virtual Connections (PVCs)

(a) Standard

<u>CIR</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
8 kbps	\$ 4.73
16 kbps	\$ 4.73
28 kbps	\$ 5.67
32 kbps	\$ 5.67
56 kbps	\$ 6.62
64 kbps	\$ 6.62
128 kbps	\$ 8.51
192 kbps	\$11.35
256 kbps	\$13.24
384 kbps	\$18.91
512 kbps	\$26.48
768 kbps	\$34.04

(b) Extended

<u>CIR</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
8 kbps	\$ 5.67
16 kbps	\$ 5.67
28 kbps	\$ 6.62
32 kbps	\$ 6.62
56 kbps	\$ 7.57
64 kbps	\$ 7.57
128 kbps	\$14.18
192 kbps	\$23.64
256 kbps	\$28.37
384 kbps	\$42.55
512 kbps	\$56.74
768 kbps	\$85.11

	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
(7) PVC Installation Charge	\$47.28

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(8)	PVC Rearrangement Charge	\$23.64
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17.4.8 Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

(B) Asynchronous Transfer Mode Cell Relay Access Service

Regulations concerning Asynchronous Transfer Mode Cell Relay Access Service (ATM-CRS) are set forth in Section 16.2 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

(1) Ports

(a) Per Basic UNI or NNI Port

<u>Port Speed</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
1.544 Mbps	\$340.43	\$472.82
44.736 Mbps	\$1,891.28	\$709.23
155.52 Mbps	\$3,877.12	\$1,134.77
622.08 Mbps	\$7659.68	\$1,418.46

(b) Per Ethernet-based UNI or NNI Port

<u>Port Speed</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
10 Mbps	\$1,134.77	\$1,289.85
100 Mbps	\$4,255.38	\$1,337.13
1 Gbps	\$14,184.59	\$2,471.90

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

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17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.8 (B) Asynchronous Transfer Mode Cell Relay Access Service (Cont'd)

(2) Virtual Paths

(a) Path charge, per Path

<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
\$4.73	\$66.19

(b) Capacity charge, per Megabit of capacity, per path

Traffic Routing Prioritization Parameter

<u>Path Size</u>	<u>CBR</u>	<u>VBR-rt</u>	<u>VBR-nrt</u>	<u>UBR</u>
1 to 50 Mbps	\$23.64	\$18.91	\$14.18	\$11.82
51 to 150 Mbps	\$21.28	\$16.55	\$11.82	\$ 9.46
Over 150 Mbps	\$16.55	\$11.82	\$ 9.46	\$ 7.09

(3) Virtual Circuit Channels

Per Virtual Circuit Channel

<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
\$4.73	\$66.19

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17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.8 (B) Asynchronous Transfer Mode Cell Relay Access Service (Cont'd)

(4) Optional Features and Functions

(a) DSL Access Service Connection

(i) Per Basic UNI or NNI Port equipped

<u>Port Speed</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
1.544 Mbps	\$160.76
44.736 Mbps	\$524.83
155.52 Mbps	\$1,082.76
622.08 Mbps	\$1,229.33

(ii) Per Ethernet-based UNI or NNI Port equipped

<u>Port Speed</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
10 Mbps	\$160.76
100 Mbps	\$524.83
1Gbps	\$1,229.33

(iii) Per 1 Mbps DSL VCC

<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
\$28.37	\$66.19

(iv) Per MM-VCC

<u>Monthly Rate Per Megabit</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
\$1.18	\$4.73

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)17.4.9 Digital Subscriber Line Access Service

(A) Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line Access Service

Regulations concerning Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line Access Service are set forth in Section 8.1 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

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	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
ADSL Line Charge		
- Per Voice-Data Option	\$31.16	\$89.84
- Per Data-Only Option	\$54.80	\$237.36

(N)

(B) Symmetric Digital Subscriber Line Access Service

Regulations concerning Symmetric Digital Subscriber Line Access Service are set forth in Section 8.2 of the NECA Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
SDSL Line Charge		
- Per Voice-Data Option		
- 256 kbps	\$31.16	\$89.84
- Per Data-Only Option		
- 144 kbps	\$63.36	\$237.36
- 768 kbps	\$93.62	\$237.36
- 2 Mbps	\$219.39	\$237.36
- 4 Mbps	\$437.83	\$237.36

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17.4.9 Digital Subscriber Line Access Services (Cont'd)

(C) DSL Access Services Discount Pricing Arrangement

Regulations concerning the DSL Access Services Discount Pricing Arrangement Monthly Plan or Term Plan are set forth in Section 8.3 of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
(1) Monthly Plan Line Charges		
ADSL Line Charge		
- Per Voice-Data Option	\$29.27	\$ 89.84
- Per Data-Only Option	\$52.91	\$237.36
SDSL Line Charge		
- Per Voice-Data Option		
- 256 kbps	\$29.27	\$ 89.84
- Per Data-Only Option		
- 144 kbps	\$60.52	\$237.36
- 768kbps	\$89.84	\$237.36
- 2 Mbps	\$206.15	\$237.36
- 4 Mbps	\$411.35	\$237.36
(2) Term Plan		
(a) Term Plan Charges		
Per Serving Wire Center included in a Term Plan		
-Pricing Option 1	\$ 70.92	None
-Pricing Option 2	\$141.85	None

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17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)17.4.9 Digital Subscriber Line Access Services (Cont'd)

(C) DSL Access Services Discount Pricing Arrangement (Cont'd)

(2) Term Plan (Cont'd)

(b) Term Plan Line Charges

	<u>1 Year Option 1</u>	<u>3 Year Option 1</u>	<u>1 Year Option 2</u>	<u>3 Year Option 2</u>	<u>Nonrecurring All</u>
ADSL					
-Voice-Data Option	\$26.43	\$23.59	\$23.59	\$19.81	\$ 89.84
-Data-Only Option	\$50.07	\$47.23	\$47.23	\$43.45	\$237.36
SDSL Line Charge					
Voice-Data Option					
- 256 kbps	\$26.43	\$23.59	23.59	\$19.81	\$ 89.84
Data-Only Option					
- 144 kbps	\$56.74	\$52.96	\$52.96	\$51.06	\$237.36
- 768 kbps	\$85.11	\$80.38	\$80.38	\$78.49	\$237.36
- 2 Mbps	\$186.29	\$166.43	\$166.43	\$139.95	\$237.36
- 4 Mbps	\$371.64	\$331.92	\$331.92	\$278.96	\$237.36

(D) DSL Network Reconfiguration

Regulations concerning DSL Network Reconfigurations are set forth in Sections 8.1.5(E) and 8.2.5(E) of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
DSL Network Reconfiguration		
-Per DSL Access Service	None	\$25.53
Line, per request		

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17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)17.4.9 Digital Subscriber Line Access Service (Cont'd)

(F) DSL Extended Transport

Regulations concerning DSL Extended Transport are set forth in Sections 8.1.5(D) and 8.2.5(D) of the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

	Monthly <u>Rate</u>
Per 1.544 Mbps Path, Per Mile	
First 25 miles	\$0.00
Each mile over 25 miles	\$14.63

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